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In re Application of

Masashi YASUMATSU et al.

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Examiner: John L. Goodrow

For: CHARGE CONTROL AGENT AND TONER FOR
ELECTROSTATIC IMAGE DEVELOPMENT

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on June 10, 2005, to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-12 and Group II, claims 13-23.

In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on June 28, 2005 to prosecute the invention of Group II (i.e., claims 13-23) in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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June 28, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", is written over a horizontal line.

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